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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOVIET MEDIA EUPHORIA ON US

THE SOVIET MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO BUILD UP THE BREZHNEV VISIT IS REACHING CRESCENDO LEVEL, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY MOSCOW, AS THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE DRAWS NEAR. THE MEDIA ARE DISPLAYING UNBRIDLED OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FUTURE OF US- USSR RELATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 7090, 6/ L5.

2. CSCE TO OPEN JULY 3 IN HELSINKI

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NATO MINISTERIAL DECISION,
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THE US WILL INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND THAT IT ACCEPTS JULY 3 AS THE OPENING DATE FOR THE PHASE ONE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN HELSINKI. (SECRET) STATE 117697, 6/16.

3. SCALI AND TEKOAHE DISCUSS ME DEBATE

AMBASSADOR SCALI AND ISRAELI UN REPRESENTATIVE TEKOAHE OBSERVED, DURING A CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK ON JUNE 13, THAT THE PRESENT UN DEBATE HAS PRODUCED MUCH COMMENT ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS. RECALLING THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES MISSED BY THE ARABS DURING THE PAST TWENTY- FIVE YEARS, SCALI TOLD TEKOAHE HE HOPED ISRAEL WOULD NOT MISS ANY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 2246, 6/14.

4. BRANDT, MEIR DIFFER ON MIDDLE EAST

CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND MRS. MEIR DISCUSSED THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AT LENGTH DURING THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO ISRAEL. EMBASSY BONN REPORTS BRANDT FOUND MRS. MEIR LESS CONCERNED THAN HE ABOUT THE URGENT NEED FOR A SETTLEMENT. SHE REJECTED THE NOTION THAT THE GREAT POWERS SHOULD PLAY A ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS. AS A RESULT, BRANDT CAME AWAY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 8579, 6/ L5 (LIMDIS).

5. EMBASSY SAIGON ASSESSES THE ICCS

DESPITE SOME SUCCESS IN THE PRISONER OF WAR EXCHANGES, THE ICCS HAS ESSENTIALLY FAILED IN ITS INVESTIGATORY OBLIGATIONS DURING ITS FOUR MONTHS OF OPERATION. EMBASSY SAIGON BELIEVES THAT THE COMMISSION MAY HAVE INHIBITED THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT IT AFFECTED THE NORTH. GIVEN THE CONSISTENT POLISH- HUNGARIAN PROTECTION OF THE PRG AND DRV, THERE IS NO REASON TO LOOK FORWARD TO A MORE STIRRING PERFORMANCE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

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(CONFIDENTIAL) SAIGON 10777, 6/15.

6. FRANCE PLANS FOR AID TO INDOCHINA

THE FRENCH ARE PLANNING TO EXTEND AID TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. WHILE SOME PROBLEM MAY EXIST BETWEEN GVN AND DRV EXPECTATIONS AND FRANCE'S ABILITY TO

PROVIDE AID, QUAI OFFICIALS PREDICT THAT AGREE-
MENT WILL BE REACHED WITH HANOI AND SAIGON TO START
SOME AID FLOWING BY JULY. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS
16541, 6/15.

7. SOUTH KOREA SEEKS BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE PRC
ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SEOUL, THE SOUTH KOREANS ARE
ACTIVELY TRYING TO ESTABLISH LINES OF COMMUNICATION
WITH THE PRC, WHILE MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH
TAIWAN. THIS PROCESS IS DESIGNED IN PART TO COUNTER
THE GROWING RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA OUTSIDE THE
COMMUNIST WORLD. (SECRET) SEOUL 3813, 6/15 (LIMDIS).
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